REMARKS

This amendment responds to the final office action mailed April 9, 2009. In the final office action the Examiner:

- allowed claims 13, 15-18, 25, 27-30 and 41-48; and
- rejected claims 1, 3-6, and 37-40 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

After entry of this amendment, the pending claims are: claims 1, 3-6, 13, 15-18, 25, 27-30, and 37-48.

Changes to the Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to add the terms "having one or more processors and memory, the memory of the search engine storing one or more programs to be executed by the one or more processors of the search engine". These amendments find support at least in Figures 1 and 11 and paragraphs [0027] and [0067]-[0069] of the specification.

35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1, 3-6, 37-40

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the elements of Claim 1 are performed at a search engine having one or more processors and memory, the memory of the search engine storing one or more programs to be executed by the one or more processors of the search engine. Since the elements of amended Claim 1 (and its dependents) are performed at a search engine (e.g., a particular machine), Claim 1 and its dependents are directed to statutory subject matter.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider this application with a view towards allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (650) 843-4000, if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining items.

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